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Potential Builders Meet Friday To Study Plans

A meeting for all those interested in building private homes in Greenbelt is scheduled for this Friday evening, it was announced last week by Dayton W. Hull, chairman of the Greenbelt Housing Committee. Prospective home builders will convene in the social room of the Elementary School at 8:00 P.M.

An important question to be decided by the group is whether an architect should be employed who will prepare plans and specifications for a basic type of home which will reflect so far as possible the needs and desires of the home builder. Another alternative is to reach an agreement with a building organization which is ready at the present time to construct 200 houses for speculative sale. Other possible alternative plans will be presented to the meeting by the chairman of the committee. Four builders have already been interviewed by the committee members.

David Humphrey, a Washington architect who has volunteered his services to the Committee, will discuss floor plans and will receive suggestions from the group of prospective builders as to their own specific needs and desires.

Although all Greenbelt residents are welcome to attend, Mr. Hull is urging that all those with money available for a down payment be present at this meeting to express their views on the future course of the Committee. The size of the home to be built will determine the amount of down payment. It will probably range from \$350 to \$500.

At a recent meeting of the housing committee several sub-committees were appointed to speed the home building program. A legal committee, headed by Ed Walther, and assisted by a Washington lawyer who has offered his services, will report on the form the lease should take. A publicity and information committee, headed by Arthur Gawthrop, will hold meetings with those interested in building a home and distribute information regarding the development. An architectural committee under Mr. Humphrey will do preliminary work on plans, and confer with building contractors. A finance committee, assisted by a Federal Housing Administration official, will explore methods of financing at lowest possible cost.

Possible locations for the new housing development are now being considered in collaboration with Harvey Vincent and O. Kline Fulmer.

ROBERT McCLARY GIVES VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Graduation exercises for the Greenbelt High School were held Tuesday evening in the Auditorium.

Robert McClary gave the valedictory, "What High School Meant To Us", and the graduates were also addressed by Gardner Shugart, Assistant County Superintendent of Schools. O. W. Phair, member of the County Board of Education, distributed the diplomas. George O'Brien presented citizenship medals, and Roland Sliger, principal, presented silver medals to those on the Honor Roll.

The musical part of the program included "The Green Cathedral", and "De Time for Sleepin'", sung by the High School Glee Club, while Elizabeth Poffenberger, music teacher, played Beethoven's Sonata, Opus 31, First Movement, on the piano. Mr. Kincheloe pronounced the convocation and benediction.

This Sunday a post Baccalaureate service will be held for the graduates in the Community Church. Phyllis Warner and Frank Loftus will give the joint sermon.

Health Association Praised By Dr. Mahlon D. Ogden

Last Friday night Greenbelt's Health Association was lauded for its fine program by Dr. Mahlon D. Ogden, one of the founders of the pioneer group health plan of Trinity Hospital, Little Rock, Arkansas. Speaking before the board of directors of the Group Health Federation of America, of which he is president, and physicians of Group Health Association in Washington, Dr. Ogden stated that the Greenbelt plan is gaining wide recognition throughout the country. He asked that copies of the Greenbelt Health Association News Bulletin be sent to the Trinity Hospital group, which is planning to publish a bulletin of its own.

In describing the organization and services of the Little Rock Group, Dr. Ogden said that it offers a number of different types of plans, one of which costs \$8 per month per family. That fee includes complete medical, surgical and hospital care. Members of the plan have an income level of \$100 to \$200 per month.

Local physicians Joe W. Still and Dr. Joseph Sillagy attended the meeting. Dr. Still is a member of the board of directors of the Federation.

Seniors Celebrate Graduation Week



— Photos by Fosnight

Above: Bob McClary took Betty Pine, from Washington, to the Senior Prom. Phil and Polly Brown appear in the background.

Below: The Senior yearbooks were distributed at a party given at Frank Loftus' home last week. Larry Childress is shown receiving his "Pylon" from Frank.

Greenbelters Offer To House Refugee Children

A special meeting of the Citizens Association was held in the Social Room of the Elementary School on Tuesday, June 11. Because the number who attended did not constitute a quorum, no official business was transacted.

The committee in charge of arranging a week's vacation in Greenbelt for refugees outlined its plans and asked that the members of the Association indicate their approval or disapproval of the proposal. A majority of those present volunteered to house one of the refugees for a week, and several stated they would like to take a child for a longer period. After considerable discussion it was decided that the committee should proceed with its plans.

The Town Administration committee announced that an ordinance pertaining to a special assessment of \$6.00 per family for trash collection was pending before the Town Council. Councilman Walther, who had introduced the ordinance, explained the necessity for such an assessment in lieu of the last year's personal property tax which had practically been nullified because of legal obstacles. In the discussion which followed it was pointed out that local taxes were in effect being doubled, since the aver-

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Relations Committee Objects To Radical Charges

The first task of the recently appointed Public Relations Committee was to protest misrepresentations about Greenbelt appearing in a current United States Chamber of Commerce pamphlet. The committee sent the following letter to the Chamber of Commerce and forwarded copies and explanatory notes to Washington and Baltimore papers:

"In your recent publication entitled 'Outlines of Eleven Talks on Timely Questions Affecting the American Free Enterprise System', Greenbelt is mentioned in a way which reflects upon the good sense of the Chamber of Commerce. You will no doubt wish to correct this unfortunate misrepresentation.

"Contrary to your implications, Greenbelt is a modern, self-governing American town, in which each citizen enjoys the full privileges of democracy. It pays its full share of State and county taxes. The Federal Government, which owns the land and the dwellings, stands in the relation of a landlord to the townspeople, but plays no part in the local government, whose functionaries are elected by the citizens at large. Greenbelt's commercial enterprises are owned and operated by a private corporation whose stock is held by the residents of the community.

"We wish to emphasize these facts, as they seem to be at variance with the inferences appearing in Suggested Outline Number 4 on 'Collectivism and the Class War'. Your imputation is that Greenbelt is an example of a collectivist community, as it is used as a case in support of your talk, after a series of pointed remarks about Russia.

"By definition from Funk and Wagnall's New Standard Encyclopedia, collectivism is a socialist theory that industry should be carried on with a collective capital, not owned and controlled by individuals, but by groups of associated workers.

"Since Greenbelt has no industries, and hence no groups of associated workers, the conclusion seems rather obvious that it is intended to draw this community into the same category as the Russian Communist environment with an eye to effect rather than verifiable truth. Greenbelt is as collectivist as West Point or Annapolis, two other examples of Government reservations.

"You state that each dwelling unit at Greenbelt cost the taxpayers \$16,000, a figure at variance with an official press release issued by the Farm Security Administration dated September 2, 1937, in

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Puppet Play Club Marks Anniversary With Drama

Yesterday marked the first anniversary of Frank Harper's "Play and Puppet Club", which has presented numerous puppet and marionette shows in town, as well as flesh and blood drama. A new play, "Murder in Locklin's Mansion", written and produced by Frank Harper, is scheduled for the near future. The admission charge will be five cents, with candy and refreshments sold between acts. The tentative cast includes:

Mother, Anne Childress; father, Patrick Cobb; Betty, Shirley Mitchell; Betty's two brothers, Frank Harper (another to be announced); Betty's two cousins (amateur detectives), Don Brewer and Joe Lewis; five servants; three policemen and the Black Ghost; complete the list of characters.

The plot of the forthcoming play is in the nature of a mystery. The mother is killed while trying to protect the interests of her daughter Betty, who has inherited jewels, among which is the largest diamond in the world. Betty's two cousins work on the case.

OUT-OF-TOWNSERS IN THE GROUP

Other members of the Puppet Play Club not included in the above cast are: Louis Hedges, Mary Lou Jarboe, Marilyn Maryn, Jean Henderson, Jimmy Bordus (Berwyn), Don Smith (Hyattsville). Manager Harper hopes Jimmy Bordus will start a local Puppet Play Club branch in Berwyn.

COOPERATOR INTERVIEWS FRANK

"My mother doesn't think much of my hobby", remarked 13-year old Frank Harper last week, gazing ruefully about his room, in which a marionette stage as big as his bed crowded one corner. His closet is piled high with boxes upon boxes of marionette and puppet furniture, props, costumes, and what not. Around the walls he has pasted huge figures of Walt Disney characters.

When the Cooperator interviewed Frank, his stage was set for a scene from "Pinocchio", and several characters dangled listlessly from the overhead rod. Frank persuaded a clown into a lively tap dance, explaining puppet construction in the meanwhile. It seems that puppet heads, for instance, are molded of a composition consisting of sawdust, flour, formaldehyde and water. The stage is lit by colored Christmas tree lights, and boasts a drop curtain of unbleached muslin.

"When school lets out I'll really be able to get the kids together and start going on things", promised Frank.

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Your Fish

It is your lake and your fish, but it also belongs to your neighbor. If your boy sneaks down to the lake and catches a dozen undersized fish on the sly, that is stealing just as surely as though he had taken them from your neighbor's refrigerator.

Are there in Greenbelt any parents who will condone stealing by their own children?

Fire Works

We are glad to see Prince Georges County fire departments drop their fight against the state fireworks ban. It seemed paradoxical to us that the one group which we expected to be most interested in safety to life and property should want to continue sale of dangerous fireworks.

A year ago our Town Council held certain fireworks to be dangerous and banned their sale or use in Greenbelt. Aside from several individual protests from residents who were "still just boys at heart" the whole matter was considered a closed issue.

When the Maryland State insurance commissioner followed up our lead by banning the sale of dangerous fireworks we were surprised at the terrific protest raised by fire companies in nearby communities. It seems, however, that their main source of revenue has been carnivals and the sale of fireworks.

Since fireworks cause fires we could see some sort of tie between fire departments and the sale of fireworks, but we had supposed that fire companies would be for and not against such a safety ruling as the one just made. Somehow it suggested supporting local police by the sale of guns, and churches on the sale of atheistic pamphlets. We have little sympathy for such approaches to community finance problems.

Greenbelt has been criticized for its high taxes, but we are not reduced to the support of our fine fire department by the sale of fireworks. If taxing to support community services is too old-fashioned a suggestion for our neighboring towns, then we may hope that the fire departments can find to sell some commodity less calculated to cause community damage.

P. M.

It sounded too good to be true and we were tempted to file the prospectus in the office waste basket, but here it is—the first issue of PM—and we are just a little ashamed of our first skepticism.

PM (Picture Magazine) is the answer to a newspaper writer's dream and a reader's prayer. It is a new daily just started in New York City with rather curious aims and content in this commercial age. It is different—attempting to utilize all the good features of journalism without the bad.

The paper is a 32-page tabloid with extra large type, printed with a photo-offset process which allows the use of more pictures at less cost than the ordinary newspaper. Its make-up sorts stories into pre-arranged categories, prints each story complete in one place without the usual "continued somewhere on page 17", and aims at eye satisfaction. Each story will be written in good English and signed with the writer's initials. The writer makes up his own headline. This should go a long way to correct the hurried anonymous style which has become typical of newspaper stories.

Most revolutionary is the paper's policy of accepting no paid advertising. An advertising digest is offered as a reader service, but the paper is paid for by the readers, for whom it is designed—at five cents a copy. Consumer news is presented as "News for Living" to replace the traditional woman's page which catered to advertisers.

Editor Ralph Ingersoll, formerly publisher of Time Magazine, has selected an excellent staff of 151 for the job at hand. We congratulate them all for we believe they have opened a new frontier in the publishing world.

Come to the housing meeting tomorrow.

Letters to Editor

CONSTITUENTS SHOULD ADVISE LAWMAKERS

To the Editor:

How stupid that some individuals in Greenbelt who are alleged to have participated in World War I are among the minority of citizens who do not want to notify the national legislature as to whether they desire to remain out of the present European conflict.

It is not conceivable that any citizen would be opposed to making his or his community's wants known to Congress so that the lawmakers might be properly guided by their constituents.

It is most alarming to observe that some veterans do not oppose America's intervention again in somebody else's war.

We are still paying for our last few wars in money and in the irreparable loss of loved ones, and can little afford, economically or socially, to enter war again. Our move is not to cross the sea and fight, but to arm and fortify our own territory to a point where successful intervention by other powers would be utterly impossible.

The Chief Executive's latest message to ex-Premier Reynaud of France, said that it was up to the Congress of the United States to state the nation's stand at this time. In our representative type of government it is our duty to tell Congress how we feel about the matter. Congressmen cannot legislate by mental telepathy with constituents.

Those in Greenbelt who complain that the recent Citizens Association resolution to the President and to Congress was not representative have only themselves to blame. All were invited to attend and each had to be heard.

—Lyman L. Woodman

NOT ENOUGH PUBLICITY

To the Editor:

As an ordinary citizen of Greenbelt, I wish to correct what I consider, wrong impressions created both by passage of the resolution to the President and Congress by the residents of Greenbelt and the article concerning it as it appeared in the Cooperator of June 6.

In view of the undeniable and recognized fact, sad though it may be, that citizens of Greenbelt have not shown an interest or been active in the Greenbelt Citizens Association; (this is no reflection on its conscientious, hard working president or intended to include its committees).

It is my opinion that the whole conduct of the mass meeting, culminating in this resolution would have been more impartial if all sides in this question of a national defense program had been presented.

Why wasn't another speaker, preferable a senator on the Military Affairs Committee, with a different viewpoint from that of Senator Nye, procured and given equal time and recognition on the program?

Since the substance of the resolution was not known in advance why wasn't more time, under more favorable conditions provided for discussion of it?

The report of the meeting as it appeared in the Cooperator, tended to give the erroneous impression that the resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority of the 300 Greenbelters present. A large number left after the resolution was proposed. Many refrained from voting either way. Of the 85 who did vote, the official count was 59 for and 26 against.

Under these circumstances it is my contention that the resolution should not have been sent to Congress, as representing the people of Greenbelt.

—Mrs. J. C. Petersen

Taxes

While we are working out tax schemes to pay for that extra \$1,700,000,000 armament program, let us look at the balance sheet of World War I. War debts due the United States have been cut and scaled down to the neighborhood of 12 billion dollars. Statements sent out for the June 15, 1940 payment were returned as usual, marked "Sorry, no funds".

The amount overdue and still unpaid as of June 15 is:

Belgium	\$ 98,712,354.32
Czechoslovakia	24,729,464.75
Estonia	6,051,539.06
France	789,569,364.87
Great Britain	1,496,840,192.28
Hungary	634,781.41
Italy	140,427,724.06
Latvia	2,396,144.48
Lithuania	2,109,297.34
Poland	75,173,345.94
Rumania	14,128,181.17
Yugoslavia	3,444,093.78
	\$2,654,216,483.46

Finland alone made payment. Every one of the countries listed above is either now at war again or economically dominated by a warring power.

Disillusioned Americans are wondering how much of Europe's war cost we will be asked to pay this time. Already there are demands that we pour more money down the drain.

GREENBELT'S NEW BABIES

Emily Maughan, new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reed P. Maughan, 2-N Gardenway, was born June 14, at 1 A.M., in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert J. Leahy, 36-A Crescent Road, are parents of a son, Robert Gardner, born in Washington, D. C., June 13.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley McCollum, 45-A Ridge Road, announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, June 16, at 7:45 P.M., in Greenbelt Hospital.

Meditations



by
Robert Lee Kincheloe
Minister to the
Greenbelt Community Church

Several requests have been voiced for more of the type of poetry presented in a recent effort of this column. The following is by Stanton A. Coblenz who gave us one of the others previously quoted:

WE WHO BUILD VISIONS

Stalled on the sidelines we must hope and wait,
We who build visions of a world at peace.
We cannot bid the cinders storms to cease,
Nor halt the flame-winds of men's rage and hate.
Nor can we dream that pens will legislate
Or the heart check the sword while the swords
increase,
Nor that our sobs or prayers will earn release
From those blood-spotted hands that desecrate.

Yet this we know: the world is peace at heart.
With peace the woods are green; the stars recite
Her wordless litanies; and in the soul
Of the strong hills she plays a timeless part,
And in man's spirit, where she comes by night
And shall remain when the last gunfires roll.

If we analyze what we have just read and call ourselves builders of peace in the world, these lines would merely have us realize the futility of putting a stop to the hate that has been engendered down the years and turn our faces to the woods and hills where peace and quiet reign supreme. Would that Mr. Coblenz might write a sequence to this poem, expressing the urgent need for constructive action among those who would build a peaceful world. He might well stress the crying need for the preservation of what advances we have made in social justice in this country, at a time when these forward steps are being retracted for the sake of efficiency and speed in promoting a war economy. He might well impress upon our minds the advances which we must make in our democracy, social and economic, before America will be out of the woods of possible totalitarianism. Our prophets declare these possibilities yet we need not. Write us, Mr. Coblenz, a poem that would lead us who build visions of a world at peace to make our visions come true in this country. If a United States of America someday proves its intrinsic worth in providing peace, justice and good-will among its peoples, there might spread from its shores the contagion for a United States of Europe. Who knows?

CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

The new Summer schedule will start this Sunday. Mass will begin at 8:30 A.M. instead of 9 A.M.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Sunday, June 23, is Commencement Sunday. The graduating classes of both the Elementary and High Schools are invited to the Sunday morning service of the Community Church. Members of the class will take part in the service. Phyllis Warner and Frank Loftus will deliver talks on what they believe is the Christian Challenge or Youth in the World of today, and Ann Childress and Norma Mitchell will sing a duet. All parents of the graduates and their friends are invited to attend the service which will be held in the auditorium of the Elementary School at 11 A.M.

It is becoming a tradition of the Community Church to hold this service the Sunday after graduation and to designate this as Commencement Sunday.

HEBREW CONGREGATION NEWS

Sidney Weinstein and Irving Machiz will participate in lay services. The sermon will also be delivered by a member of the Congregation.

During the warm weather iced drinks and refreshments will be served after the services.



A YEAR AGO

(From the Cooperator, June 22, 1939)

Programs with covers designed individually by the children invited parents and friends to June week, at the Greenbelt School. Adults who attended were thrilled at the wholesome democratic atmosphere.....

The former personnel of the Greenbelt project held a picnic at the Greenbelt Lake. There were about 75 people present.....

An organizational meeting of subscribers to the Cooperative was held to discuss the proposed management contract.....

The old and new officers of the Mother's Club were given a luncheon. The club's new president named her committees and discussed future plans.....

Elsie Yuretich, hospital superintendent, has been rushing out daily to a certain small tree in the hospital garden plot to examine a nestful of three small speckled eggs, scaring away, in the process, a white-breasted bird with a long beak and tail.

At last reports, Nurse Yuretich was still anticipating the blessed event of the hatching.

LIBRARY CORNER

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon
 Tuesday, Thursday - 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
 Saturday - 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon
 - 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
 - 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon

This schedule will go into effect Monday, June 17. The library will be closed Saturday afternoon, June 8, but will open as usual in the morning.

— Reba S. Harris

CARE OF BOOKS

It is customary to treat one's friends with respect, and since books serve as best friends many times, they should be treated in the same manner. Books which are public property and must serve many people should be treated with the utmost care at all times. Every reader who loves books will feel as Will Judy does when she says:

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"Turned-up corners of leaves are a crime of callous heart. To turn the edge of a leaf for marking where the reader has left off, is like bending one's nose upside down to mark the spot of the face. Close the book rather than lay it downward on its face, even though you will be away only for an instant."

"Throwing a book is as proper as striking your friends with a club. Keep its covers free from spots as you want your face free from warts. To tear out pages is as to gouge out another's eyes. Avoid the sunlight, the dust, and dampness, for these wreck the very body of a book."

— Taken from *Soldier's Diary* by Will Judy.

Thoughtful readers will:

1. Protect the binding.
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— Reba S. Harris

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Pride and Prejudice

(Part 4)
 by A. Arundel

Shortly after Miss Hessie's death efforts were made to furnish the old house and preserve it as a museum. Mr. R.T.H. Halsey, a member of the faculty of St. John's College, devoted much time to this project. He persuaded many owners of old furniture to display their antique treasures until the house was completely furnished. The famous Peale portrait of the architect, William Buckland, hung on the walls that Buckland had envisioned in a blueprint. Expenses for this undertaking could not be maintained when the depression came. The house was closed once more. The furnishings were returned to their owners.

Five years later another attempt to restore and preserve this house for the future was commenced. The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland were the initiators. Now a special committee composed of members of the Garden Club devote their attention solely to this work. The present lease expires in 1940 and the purchasing fund still lacks \$25,000 of the required \$45,000. If the property reverts to the College after a second failure, the College will, as it has done with other historic buildings, convert it into an apartment house. If this occurs it means the national loss of the most perfect and beautiful example of colonial housing. The women who have been striving to prevent this loss are still optimistic. In case their optimism is unfounded it would be wise to pay Annapolis a visit soon before the house is closed to the public.

Today the house is almost empty inside. It is none the less interesting because it contains so few pieces of old furniture. The polished old floors of uneven planks are fascinating and just a little too slippery in spots, so be careful. There are two Peale portraits to study and numerous old clocks. In the great dining-room stands a long gleaming table which was brought to this country by Governor William Paca, one of the signers of the Declaration. There are so few Sheraton and Hepplewhite chairs that it is possible to really examine them and carry away an exact memory of each style.

From the upper window at the rear it is pleasant to look down into the bedraggled old garden and dream about the people who once strolled the pathways hedged by thick old boxwood. One can almost see the spirit of Mathias Hammond striding up and down regarding the magnificent house that cost him his love. Or catch a glimpse of the Misses Harwood rushing breathlessly out of the house with the duelling pistol to disperse their young tormentors.

From the front windows one can gaze across at the Chase house with its unusual window arrangement around the entrance. The long grass-covered mound at the left of the Chase House is not an underground crypt but the wine-cellars of Samuel Chase. Was it ever fully stocked, one wonders. It seems slightly immoral now to be associated with an Episcopal Home for Old Ladies.

It is hard to leave the old kitchen in the right hand wing and its meager array of pewter ware, foot-warmers and wooden utensils. The office wing now houses a craft shop which features only Maryland home products at amazingly low prices. Except for a slight percentage toward the fund for purchasing the house, the proceeds go to the craftsmen. (Perhaps some Greenbelians will appreciate this hint.) The women who tend this shop as well as the guides in the big house serve voluntarily, motivated solely by the desire to preserve the house for this generation and the future. It is interesting to chat with these women who are so different from the usual museum attendant. They are not only well-informed about their project but also full of enthusiasm and able to draw upon personal memories of Miss Hessie for the visitors' entertainment. Next week I shall tell you a couple of ghost stories they told me.

Phyllis Warner, active in the Greenbelt Players and a star in the recent high school production, has been assigned a part in the current Crossroads Theater production, "A Woman is a Fool". Miss Warner was selected by Director Howard Wentworth to play a high school autograph hunter.

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CUSTER'S LAST STAND



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As the storms of steel rage over Europe a group of more than one hundred cooperative workers are meeting here in Northern Ohio to prepare themselves to lead their fellowmen in recreational activities. Where Europe is using science's modern advances to blow up whole civilizations, these workers are hoping to provide leadership for the use of the leisure time made available by science's achievement. Where Europe is insisting that men kill each other in a hell of chaos, they are hoping to lead them to play together and develop together the science of living well.

In other words I am now attending the National Cooperative Recreation School on the campus of Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio. I just got here and have little time to write, but just a word about the difference between the kind of recreation being encouraged by cooperatives and the spectator, highly competitive recreation common in America today. The difference is highly significant as an example of different approaches to the problems the world faces today.

Cooperative recreation is a group activity. The group plays together, sings together, and works together on creative hobbies. Good leadership is especially essential, but its objective is not to turn out winning teams or star performers, but to turn out a community of individuals actively participating in the joys of living. And our movies and our stadiums, worthy though they are, can provide nothing so stimulating, so invigorating, so encouraging of good fellowship as is provided by the truly community recreation which we are trying to make available.

— Howard C. Custer

Welcome to Greenbelt

The Cooperator takes this opportunity to extend a hand of welcome to the following new residents:
 Mr. and Mrs. William Jacob Zerwick - 44-B Crescent Road
 Mrs. Amelia Nevius - 8-D Parkway Road
 Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hyder - 24-A Crescent Road
 Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hagerdorn - 17-C Parkway Road
 Miss Mary Shubrick - 11-H Parkway Road

Calendar Of Events

Thursday, June 20		
Legion Post	8:00 P.M.	Legion Post
Catholic Choir	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Citizens Committee	8:00 P.M.	Room 223
Friday, June 21		
Housing Committee	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Gun Club	8:00 P.M.	13-F Ridge Rd.
Hebrew Congregation	9:00 P.M.	Music Room
Saturday, June 22		
Gun Club	2:30 - 5:30 P.M.	Range
Softball	3:00 P.M.	New Ball Field
Shoe Craft	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	10 Pkwy Bsmnt.
Confession	7:30 P.M.	27-A Ridge Rd.
Softball	8:00 P.M.	Old Ball Field
Square Dance	9:00 P.M.	Jr. Recreation
Sunday, June 23		
Catholic Sunday School	8:30 A.M.	Theater
Mass	8:30 A.M.	Theater
L.D.S. Men's Study Class	8:30 A.M.	Music Room
Community Church School	9:30 A.M.	Auditorium
Community Church Choir	10:00 A.M.	Home Economics
Community Church	11:00 A.M.	Auditorium
L.D.S. Sunday School	11:00 A.M.	Social Room
Gun Club	1:00 - 4:00 P.M.	Range
Baseball	2:00 P.M.	New Ball Field
Softball	3:00 P.M.	New Ball Field
Young Peoples Society	6:45 P.M.	Community Hldg.
L.D.S.	8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Monday, June 24		
Girl Scouts	3:30 P.M.	Social Room
Girl Scouts #26	6:45 P.M.	Hobby Room
Cub Den	7:00 - 8:00 P.M.	Social Room
Shoe Craft	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	10 Pkwy Bsmnt.
Town Council	8:00 P.M.	Council Room
Sunday School Orchestra	8:00 P.M.	Music Room
Tuesday, June 25		
Cub Den	8:00 P.M.	Hobby Room
Wednesday, June 26		
Shoe Craft	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.	10 Pkwy Bsmnt.
Sunday School Choir	7:00 P.M.	Music Room
Junior Choir	7:00 - 7:30 P.M.	Social Room
Men's Choir	8:00 P.M.	Music Room

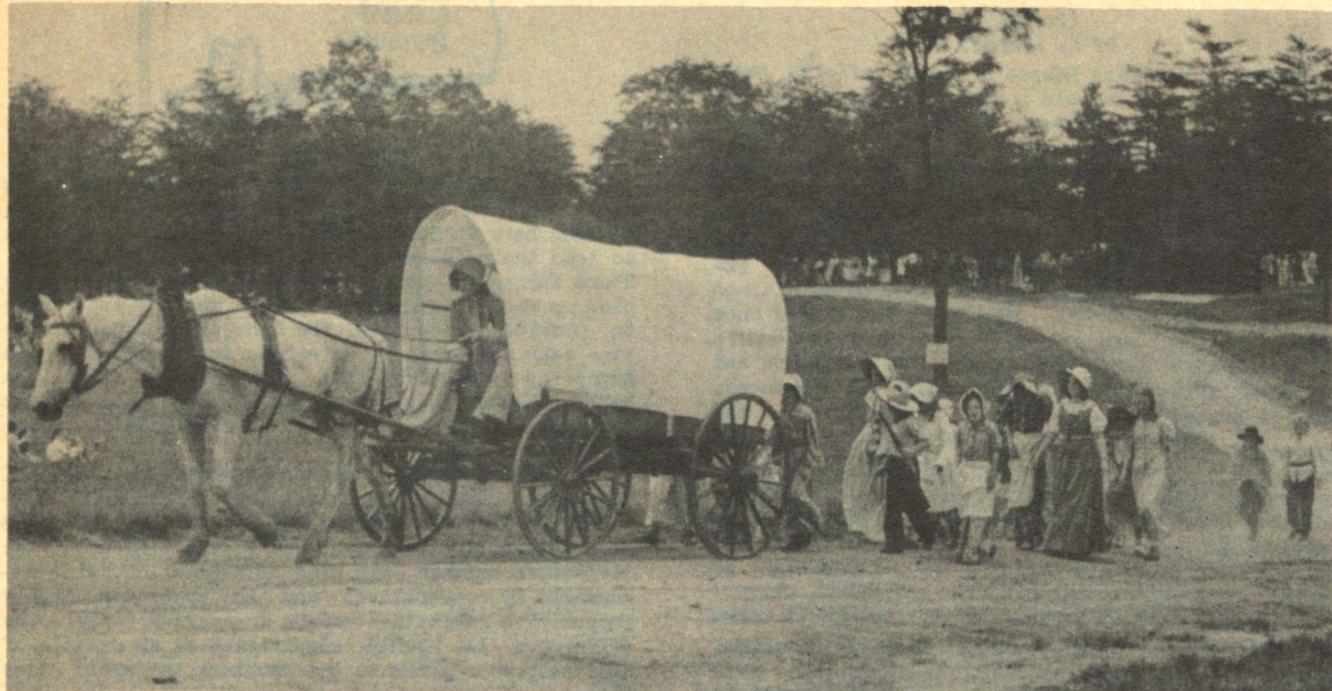
Tonight the Citizens Association Executive Committee meets to hear the latest findings and recommendations of the Housing Committee. Chairmen of all standing committees will be present.

Albert Carson, secretary of the Citizens Association and head of a special "exploratory" sub-committee of the Association, meets tonight with parents of Greenbelt High School graduates to inquire into the educational standards and policies of the high school.

The next Citizens Association dance will be held on July 3, as a "Night-Before-The-Fourth" hop. Ways and Means Chairman, James C. Smith, is making plans now for the orchestra, hours, refreshments, and decorations.

Keep off the streets --- use the walks.

School Pageant Enthralls Audience at Lake



During the Elementary School pageant a group of "pioneers" illustrate a familiar scene from Maryland's covered wagon era. Johnny Walker and son Otis made the wagon and furnished the horse.

— Photo by Fosnight

The school pageant by the lake last week has been described by onlookers as the most successful and spectacular entertainment put on by the children to date. Entitled "Maryland, Land of Sanctuary", the first episode showed the first white settlers greeting a band of Indians, who performed a ceremonial dance in their honor. Kneeling before a huge Cross the pioneers sang a hymn, while the curious Indians looked on.

Maryland's Colonial period was illustrated by quaintly costumed groups who engaged in weaving, spinning, and dancing the minuet. Colonial children played games of the period. This peaceful phase was interrupted by a marching band of soldiers, whom the colonists dropped their domestic pursuits to follow.

The post-Revolutionary era of expansion saw pioneers pushing westward in a covered wagon. Six surveyors marked off a portion of Maryland territory to provide for the District of Columbia, and George Washington himself appeared with a small model of the Capitol.

An elaborate drill of blue and grey clad soldiers

reviewed by Abe Lincoln depicted the splitting of the state during the Civil War. At the close of the drill, in perfect unison, the marchers unrolled strips of colored cloth which formed a huge American flag.

Next came a procession of all types of modern buildings, automobiles, and a streamlined train.

A present day town grew up before the spectators' eyes. Among other important Maryland industries, crab fishery was illustrated by a group of children who went out on the lake in a boat, with nets. In front of a health center much resembling Greenbelt's a group of youngsters performed gymnastic exercises and went through a toothbrush drill. Broader utilization of leisure was exemplified by tennis players and tumblers. A procession of graduates in cap and gown that emerged from a university building typified the growing importance of higher education.

Last came a flag presentation at the Annapolis Naval Academy. A group of boys drilled, and girls did a tap routine to the music of "Anchors Aweigh". All joined in singing "God Bless America".

Public Relations Committee
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which the average per dwelling unit is given as \$5,423. Much of the labor cost involved in building Greenbelt must be charged to national unemployment relief, as one of the primary purposes of undertaking the project, as stated on page 6 of the release, was to provide as much employment as possible and as quickly as possible, for thousands of relief workers.

"Greenbelt was also intended to exemplify the type of large scale modest rental community which private capital would do well to build. And it has, as witness the huge investments of our larger life insurance companies in large scale slum-removal dwelling programs. In your own publication of April, 1937, "Balanced Rebuilding of Cities" you extol, under point 16, the building of completely planned communities maintained and operated in a single ownership through limited dividend companies. From this standpoint, your recently suggested outline represents a complete reversal of policy.

"Many property-holders, builders, and contractors have persisted in living in the horse and buggy era so thoroughly be-laboried in your publication. Greenbelt represents a breakaway from this era. If the old time big-profit contractor can not change with the times, then let him stand aside as the large-volume, small-profit builder of this new day enables more people to build and own their own homes or otherwise enjoy the benefits of better housing conditions. This is not collectivism. This is assembly line efficiency.

"If the organization of the United States Chamber of Commerce to preserve and protect business interests is a valid and defensible program, then it is defensible to form cooperatives to watch the buyers' dollar and prevent the perpetration of fraud and chicanery. This is not class war. This is sound business practice.

"Greenbelt was undertaken at a time when big business had not the courage, the foresight, or the initiative to give employment to labor, when it lacked faith in the future of America.

"Greenbelt is an example of an abiding faith in the institutions and processes of democracy. As such it is indeed a far cry from collectivism, and a direct opposite of a community representative of any phase of class warfare.

"By direction of the Citizens Association:
— Public Relations Committee"

COMMITTEE'S NEXT JOB

The Public Relations Committee's second task is to answer an editorial from the Spokane, Washington "Spokesman-Review" in which Greenbelt is referred to as "one of the many New Deal socialistic adventures". The editorial states that the Federal Government built "\$16,000 fireproof homes for them which they rent for \$40 a month. It built and equipped a community factory, too, to support this little community but the factory flopped". The editorial was given to the committee by Phil Brown last week, and suitable reply is being prepared.

Dr. Samuel Berenberg and Miss Fredericka Martin were married last Saturday. A tea was given for Mrs. Berenberg Tuesday by Mrs. William Stewart and Mrs. Tessim Zorach.

Attend the Housing Committee meeting tomorrow night in the Social Room at 8 P.M.

Mrs. Vincent Hostess To Auxiliary

About 40 members of the Hospital Auxiliary assembled on Mrs. Harvey Vincent's lawn last Friday evening for a lantern-lit garden party. New committee chairmen were announced, and preliminary plans were reported for a reception to be held on the hospital lawn June 30 by the Auxiliary for Prince Georges doctors, county nurses, social workers, and county commissioners. The purpose of the reception is to acquaint nearby organizations with the services offered by the hospital. Lucile Cooper is in charge of the function, with Jane Wilbur and Ethel Ackerman assisting.

The new committee heads announced by Betsy Woodman, Hospital Auxiliary chairman, were Peggy Zorach, membership; Marcia Kinsley, ways and means; Dorothy Custer, supplies; Anne Hull, publicity; and Josephine Gawthrop, ward committee. Chairmen of the Motor Corps and Sewing Committees are to be announced later.

FORTY-FIVE GRADUATE FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

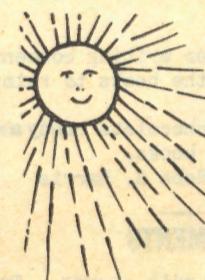
The seventh grade of Greenbelt Elementary School graduated 45 students yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Florence Reed, principal, distributed the diplomas, and Dr. James McCarl presented citizenship medals to Betty Simcoe and Douglas Warner. The invocations and benediction were pronounced by Robert L. Kincheloe.

The graduation ceremony climaxed a series of farewell parties for the different grades. The graduating class enjoyed a swimming party in the pool Monday, while Antoinette Colletti entertained her kindergarteners on the lawn near her apartment. Grades II and III celebrated in the Social Room.

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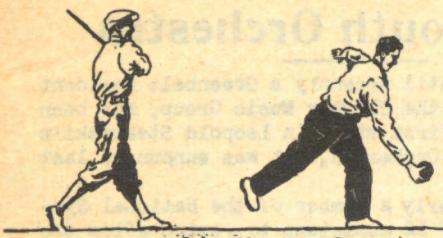
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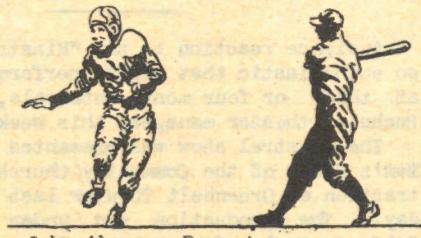
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SPORTS

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WITH THE REPS

By John P. Murray

On Saturday afternoon the Reps played host to the Maritime Commission and absorbed a 4-2 licking. Steffes and Barker both hurled good ball but a 3 run first inning for the Commissioners kept the home towners under pressure all the way. More than ever it becomes apparent that in softball one bad break, one slip and it is likely to mean the ball game.

In that first stanza the Reps made their blunder. Two errors placed two runners on the paths and Kelly the Maritimes slugging third baseman promptly scored them both with a screaming homer that cleared Left-fielder Eddie Trumbule's head by a good twenty feet. The Reps tried but they might just as well have gone home then because they could never muster enough power at one time to match that 3 run advantage. Max Chapman with his 2-3 was the day's best hitter.

BOX SCORE									
GREENBELT	POS	AB	R	H	MARITIME	POS	AB	R	H
Beale	1b	4	1	1	Nausbaum	1b	4	1	1
Peterson	2b	2	1	0	Pablevich	2b	3	2	1
Taylor	ss	2	0	0	Kelly	3b	4	1	2
Goldfaden	3b	3	0	1	Merchant	ss	2	0	1
Barker	p	3	0	0	Harper	c	2	0	1
Bauer	rf	3	0	1	Tasker	cf	3	0	0
Messner	c	3	0	1	Babbitt	lf	4	0	0
Trumbule	1f	2	0	0	Bolling	rf	3	0	0
Chapman	sf	3	0	2	Steffes	p	3	0	0
Marack	cf	3	0	0					
Home Run: Kelly									
Struck Out: by Steffes 6					By Barker 3				
Umpire: Wilde.									

Winding up their week-end of hostilities the Reps journeyed to Edgewood Park in the District Sunday afternoon to meet Coopers Bakery on their own field. After eleven innings they finally hung up a win ticket but only after long sessions of doubt. Barker was none too effective allowing 13 hits while his pals were struggling manfully to provide a 15 hit attack on the opposition. The final score read Greenbelt 15, Cooper's 9 and the home lads are still undefeated in the P.G.C. League.

Ben Goldfaden has received the literature of the Middle Atlantic Softball Tournament Committee and it would seem the Reps are definitely going to toil in this classic of eastern soft ball competition. Twelve teams are being invited to participate with the opening date scheduled for the second week in July.

The Reps schedule for this week-end brings Doctor Pepper here Saturday afternoon on the Metro League, Suburban Gas Company at the old field Saturday night at 8:00P.M. and Carr Bros. Boswell on Sunday at 3:00 P.M. Both of the last two mentioned games will be Prince Georges County tussles.

The Ida's Didn't Have It

On Saturday night the Reps met Ida's Department Store ten in an extra curricular battle and eked out a 13-5 decision. Ben Goldfaden did his bit to aid the cause and Ed Trumbule's worthy performance by blasting a perfect 2-2 with one triple and scoring no less than 3 times. Marack's offensive gesture consisted of a single and double out of four times at bat and Barker's official batting figure for the game is a perfect 1.000, 1 for 1. Incidentally last week's resume failed to mention that Curt Barker of the Greenbelt Barkers smacked a homer in the Irish War Vet game. We have been guilty of bad grammar, misspelling and sundry other mistakes but it is the first time we ever slighted a pitcher's hitting. Our apologies.

Tennis League Gets Underway

Sunday June 22

The tennis team opens its season next Sunday with a first round bye. As the league consists of five teams one must be idle and because of the heavy Rep schedule for this week-end Greenbelt will be the first to take an off-day. Future matches and their dates:

THE INTERURBAN TENNIS LEAGUE

FIRST HALF

June 21	Bye	
June 30	Westover	At H
July 7	I.D.R.A. (Freshman)	At Home
July 14	I.D.R.A. (Seniors)	At Home
July 21	Whittentide	At Home

John McWilliams of 3-D Eastway was given a surprise party Saturday, June 15, when about twenty-five of his friends gathered by the lakeside to wish John many happy returns for the day. Refreshments and hot dogs were served and everyone departed deciding that Mac was an "all right guy".

Dickie Cooper celebrated his sixth birthday with a picnic and games down by the lake last Friday. He was not at all dismayed when six of his eight guests presented him with boats.

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Frank Loftus, Assistant.

Athletic Club Ahaesy Comments

One of the biggest upsets of the current season took place this week when the Dodgers knocked off the Braves 5 to 4.

The Jokers continue to lead the American League and appear to be a cinch to cop the first half championship.

The Cubs displaced the Braves to set the pace in the National League.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Boote's 2 homeruns in successive times at bat in the G. A. C. League and his 2 pop-ups in the church League.

Get Buck Williams to say "A box of biscuits, a box of mixed biscuits and a biscuit mixer."

Dunbar touching home plate for a forceout only to discover that only two men were on base and he should have tagged the runner.

Weinerman sliding home, took the legs out from under Johnson the pitcher and thinking a steam roller had fallen on him.

Messener, umpiring, got hit at least four times.

"No Hit" Reamy dropping softball to take up bass singing and right good at that.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDING JUNE 14, 1940

AMER. LEAGUE	W	L	PCT	NAT'L LEAGUE	W	L	PCT
Jokers	4	0	1.000	Cubs	5	1	.833
Badgers	3	1	.750	Braves	4	3	.571
Clubs	4	2	.667	Dodgers	3	3	.500
Deuces	2	4	.333	Pirates	*3	3	.500
Esquires	2	4	.333	Giants	1	5	.167
Aces	1	5	.167				

* Won 1 game each from Cubs & Giants through forfeit

LEADING HITTERS AS OF JUNE 14, 1940

AMER. LEAGUE	G	AB	H	PCT	NAT'L LEAGUE	G	AB	H	PCT
Goldfadden	4	13	8	.615	Schulz	4	16	13	.812
Shaffer	4	12	6	.500	Dennard, I.	5	10	6	.600
Adams	4	11	5	.455	Rowett	6	22	12	.545
Bryant	6	16	7	.438	Di Pietro	6	19	10	.526
Merryman	6	18	8	.444	Sanders	6	21	11	.524
Lyons	5	14	6	.429	Boote	5	21	11	.524
Chapman	6	14	6	.429					
Reamy	5	14	6	.429					

PITCHING RECORDS

AMER. LEAGUE	W	L	PCT	NAT'L LEAGUE	W	L	PCT
Markfield	3	0	1.000	Keagle	5	0	1.000
P. Taylor	3	0	1.000	Andestad	3	1	.750
Trumbule	2	1	.667	Bates	3	2	.600
Reamy	2	3	.400	Heaton	1	1	.500
Lastner	1	2	.333	Peterson	1	1	.500
Cockill	1	3	.250	Fox	1	3	.250
				Smith	0	3	.000

GAMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Thursday, June 20	Pirates	vs	Dodgers	(N)	6	P.M.
Friday, June 21	Jokers	vs	Aces	(A)	8	P.M.
Monday, June 24	Clubs	vs	Deuces	(A)	6	P.M.
Tuesday, June 25	Badgers	vs	Esquires	(A)	8	P.M.
Wednesday, June 26	Dodgers	vs	Giants	(N)	6	P.M.
	Jokers	vs	Clubs	(A)	8	P.M.
	Deuces	vs	Esquires	(A)	6	P.M.
	Braves	vs	Pirates	(N)	8	P.M.

Regular Monthly Business Meeting 8 P.M.

Boy's Softball League To Be Formed

All boys of the High school and all boys of the 5-6-7 grades of the Elementary school, who are interested in forming a softball league, as we had last year, please report to the Recreation office on Monday June 24 at 1:30 P.M. Teams and captains will be chosen at this time, and a schedule will be formed.

There will be gold and silver awards given to the winning team and the runner-up.

Games will be played every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 1:30 P.M. The schedule will start on Wednesday June 26.

Calling All Women Softball Players

Practice for the women softball teams will continue until June 25th. At that time permanent teams will be chosen for the remainder of the season. These teams may be chosen from blocks or by captains. This will be decided at a meeting at that time. All women who are interested in playing softball please report for practice every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30 P.M. below the swimming pool. We will attempt to play a few games with teams from outside of Greenbelt.

Joyce Schwartz was four years on the tenth of June. Her Sunday school class sang "Happy Birthday" to both Joyce and her teacher, Ethel Morganstein.

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Traffic Chief Outlines Bicycle Safety Rules

Wallace F. Mabee, Greenbelt's director of public safety, is seeking the cooperation of all parents in an effort to avoid a possible increase of bicycle accidents during the summer months.

He points out that the number of bicycles in Greenbelt is growing and that the school vacation will now allow the children full day use of these vehicles—this together with the increased summer motor traffic—creates a safety problem that must be accorded much thought and attention at this time.

He advises the operators of bicycles that they must consider that they are driving a vehicle and should at all times observe traffic regulations and take no unreasonable liberties on open highways or in motor traffic. Nothing can be more confusing to a motorist than the presence of an unreliable cyclist.

Bicycle riding should be confined to day-light hours unless the bicycle is equipped with lights and reflectors. Mr. Mabee urges all parents that for the safety of their children they should provide proper lights and reflectors for their bicycles or restrain their children from riding after dark or during twilight hours.

He stated that the rules that prohibits the use of bicycles on the walkways is a most important safety measure as there are many steep grades, especially those leading to the underpasses, where a rider may lose control of his bicycle and collide with the concrete framework, also as these sidewalks were provided for the use of pedestrians, the women and small children who constantly use these walkways should not be endangered by the presence of swift and silent bicycle traffic.

It is something for the parents of children who own and ride bicycles to accord much serious consideration and Mr. Mabee expressed the hope for full cooperation in a sincere effort to provide as much protection as possible for the bicycle rider, the motorist and the pedestrian.

Mr. Mabee said that his direct appeal to the parents would be that the Department of Public Safety is doing everything possible to protect your child and at the same time seeking your cooperation in according the same degree of safety for your neighbor's child as well.

ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WAY FOR ORPHAN-REFUGEE WEEK

All families desiring an orphan or refugee child as a guest for a week this summer are asked to notify Mrs. O. K. Fulmer, Mrs. T. McNamara, Mrs. A. Chasanow, Robert L. Kincheloe, or Dr. S. R. Berenberg. No definite plans have been completed as yet, but this committee is contracting various organizations about the possibility of having the children visit Greenbelt.

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"MINSTREL MINIATURE" TO BE REPEATED SOON

Audience reaction to the "Minstrel Miniature" was so enthusiastic that repeat performances are planned at three or four month intervals, announced Robert Buchele, theater manager, this week.

The minstrel show was presented by members of the Men's Class of the Community Church as a special attraction at Greenbelt Theater last Friday and Saturday. The production was under the direction of Rolfe S. Sauls, former head of a minstrel show, whose performance was one of the headlights of the program.

Two other features particularly well received by the audience were Lloyd B. Mac Ewens' tap dancing, and the finale, which was an arrangement of God Bless America, presented with special permission of the composer, Irving Berlin.

End men for the show were Messrs. Sauls, Lehman, Reamy and Mac Ewen. Sam Cregger was interlocutor. Soloists were Messrs. Shaw, Reamy, Pfeiffer and Sauls, and the chorus included Messrs. Gibson, Burr, Neale, Worley, Kaufman, Kramer, Kincheloe, Porter, Schmid, Saunders, Proctor, Schulz, Matthews and Wilde. Music was provided by "Happy" Walker's band under the direction of John Colliver, with Mrs. Donald G. Kern as pianist.

Presentation of a similar revue several times a year will insure regular income to the Glee Club. Besides a guarantee of a set amount, the club receives fifty percent of all proceeds above expenses.

Mr. Sauls has been asked to act as master of ceremonies at the regular amateur night programs held in the Greenbelt Theater.

One of the most pleasant surprises effected by the painters is the transformation of the once-orange blot on the landscape at the head of Gardenway.

Greenbelter Selected For Youth Orchestra

Ralph Hersh, until recently a Greenbelt resident and a member of the Chamber Music Group, has been selected to play first viola in Leopold Stokowski's All-American Youth Orchestra, it was announced last week.

Mr. Hersh, formerly a member of the National Symphony, was one of 12 musicians to resign after the wage dispute between the Washington Musicians' Union and the National Symphony Board of Directors. Mr. Hersh secured a position with Alfred Wollenstein in New York after leaving the Washington orchestra.

Mr. Stokowski arranged auditions throughout the country through National Youth Administration headquarters. The five hundred musicians chosen by state committees were heard personally by the maestro, who weeded down the group to 100. Five musicians came from National Symphony ranks, including Kay Rickert, violinist, one of the 18 girls chosen for the youth orchestra. It is reported that the hundred young performers are all members of the Musicians' Union.

The orchestra will tour South America this summer after an initial performance at the Water Gate in July.

GREENBELT BAND TO INAUGURATE REHEARSALS

Rehearsals for the Greenbelt Band will begin on July 12. The instruments were rechecked last Friday night by Paul Garret. It was necessary to return a number of them for minor repairs.

Because a previously planned rehearsal day would have fallen on July 4, it was decided by the committee to delay the opening date until after the holiday.

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